



## City of Biggs

### **Agenda Item Staff Report for the Regular City Council Meeting: March 21, 2011 6:00PM**

DATE: March 18, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Pete Carr, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Administrator Update Report (Information/Discussion)

City Administrator will present updates to various ongoing projects.

1. Recycling grant – State has again authorized the annual \$5000 recycling grant. We need to inform the county what project[s] we intend to accomplish with the funds.

So far we are considering a recycling station for used batteries, and use of recycled lumber for downtown streetscape improvement project. BCAV estimates \$2000 would cover the cost of recycled lumber atop the planter benches.

2. School zone safety measures – Gate-type school-day barricades are a topic of discussion at school district and city. Letters went out to neighbors informing them and inviting their feedback. To date one neighbor has commented and is not favorable to the concept.

3. Tennis Courts – Quote received for resurfacing the tennis courts with interlocking recycled rubber mat tiles, 1/3 of the \$20k cost to be reimbursed by the State. School district is also applying for this grant, possibly enabling a 2/3 cost share.

4. E-Civis – City has been provided a \$3600 proposal from a vendor of online grants research information. The product is user-friendly and comprehensive. References are checking out positive. City could begin to use it April and start payments in July, or consider it as part of the FY12 budget process.

5. PEG services and fees – County and cities are reconsidering Public Education in Government (PEG) services and fees. Opportunity may be presented for Biggs to

acquire video equipment and broadcast council meetings on cable Channel 11. Pete to attend county-cities meeting April 1.

As an addition or alternative, our audio recordings could be made available at our website along with the published minutes at no or negligible extra cost.

6. Banking services – Wells Fargo provided a proposal to change banks and services with a potential for savings in fees and improvement in earnings credit rate. Staff is comparing to existing and other options, open to direction from Council.